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1. WHILE SECRETARY HAS NOT MADE FORMAL ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS OR TOASTS ON PREVIOUS CAIRO VISITS, AND THERE IS NO INDICATION SUCH WILL BE REQUIRED AT THIS TIME, FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED, AS REQUESTED REFTTEL, IN EVENT THERE MAY BE NEED FOR THEM:

2. PROPOSED ARRIVAL STATEMENT:

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE BACK IN EGYPT AND TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO MY FRIENDS. I AM HERE TO SEE PRESIDENT SADAT AND FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY AND TO DISCUSS WITH THEM WAYS IN WHICH FURTHER PROGRESS CAN BE MADE TOWARDS A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS READY TO BE HELPFUL TO THE CONCERNED PARTIES IN MAKING CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRESS TOWARDS THIS END.

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3. PROPOSED DEPARTURE STATEMENT:

I WANT TO THANK PRESIDENT SADAT AND FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY FOR THE WARM RECEPTION WE'VE RECEIVED. I DISCUSSED WITH THEM TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE AREA SINCE MY LAST VISIT IN NOVEMBER. I SHALL NOW GO ON TO SYRIA, JORDAN AND SAUDI ARABIA TO MEET WITH THE LEADERS OF THOSE COUNTRIES IN OUR CONTINUING EFFORT TOWARD ACHIEVING A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AS ALWAYS, IT HAS BEEN A GREAT PLEASURE TO MEET AND TALK WITH MY FRIENDS IN EGYPT.

4. PROPOSED TOAST:

MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE BACK IN EGYPT AND TO MEET AND TALK WITH MY FRIENDS HERE. SINCE THE FIRST OF THESE TRIPS TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN NOVEMBER, 1973, WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN WARMLY AND HOSPITABLY RECEIVED. THIS TIME WAS NO EXCEPTION.

IN THE PAST FIFTEEN MONTHS, PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS ACHIEVING PEACE IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA OF THE WORLD. HOWEVER, A GREAT DEAL REMAINS TO BE DONE. THE MANY YEARS OF DISTRUST AND DISAPPOINTMENTS ON ALL SIDES CANNOT BE ERASED AT ONCE. INITIAL STEPS HAVE BEEN MADE AND THEY HAVE REQUIRED COURAGE AND GOODWILL FROM ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED IN THIS EFFORT. I AM CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS TOWARDS OUR MUTUAL GOAL OF FINDING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

PRESIDENT SADAT AND YOU, MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, HAVE BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE EFFORTS TO FIND A SETTLEMENT THAT WILL ENSURE A PERMANENT AND DURABLE PEACE. WE IN THE UNITED STATES SHARE YOUR ASPIRATIONS AND STAND READY TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO FACILITATE THE NECESSARY DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

THIS MONTH WE OBSERVE THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE RENEWAL OF FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I BELIEVE THAT IT HAS BEEN A VERY FRUITFUL YEAR -- ONE WHICH HAS WITNESSED THE RESUMPTION OF THE EGYPTIAN-AMERICAN DIALOGUE ON MANY LEVELS TO THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF BOTH COUNTRIES. FOR OUR PART, WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE

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STRENGTHENING AND DEEPING OF THIS RELATIONSHIP IN THE YEARS AHEAD. I WOULD NOW LIKE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO YOU AND TO YOUR PRESIDENT WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS RELATIONSHIP AND PROPOSE A TOAST TO PRESIDENT SADAT AND TO FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE UNITED STATES.
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